

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 23 of page 6, with the following amended paragraph:

The system of the present invention further includes one or more portable data terminals 40 as shown in FIGS. 1 and 2. Portable data terminal 40 can be any type of portable device useful in gathering and transmitting information, such as information relating to patient well-being within a hospital environment. The portable data terminal includes a ~~microprocessor~~having microprocessor having memory for storage of information and data. Portable data terminal 40 includes a keypad 44 for manual entry of data by a user, a display 42 for visual communication with a user. Portable data terminal 40 also includes a bar code scanner 46 for reading information, including patient identification information from a patient identification bracelet as well as container information from a manufacturing identification on a sample container label or medication container. Portable data terminal 40 may also include printing means, for printing a label for attachment to a sample container, including information such as patient identification information or laboratory analyses to be conducted on the sample.